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NEXT MEETING: The July Meeting will be held on July 23rd, (Friday) at the GALLIPOLI MEMORIAL CLUB AT 8P.M.
This is the FOURTH Friday of July, not the last.

THE NEW PRINTING OF "WHITE OVER GREEN".

Ken Kesteven would like it known that the real assistance comes from Enderslea Productions Pty. Ltd., Marrickville - Mr. John Landers, Managing Director; Mrs. Jane Landers, Director; Mr. Ray Tinker, General Manager, and Mr. Murray Hunter, Finance Manager.

It was their joint decision that we should have access to their equipment and paper at such an incredibly low figure.

Ken, Fi and daughter Lynne simply do the production.

THE JUNE MEETING

As usual your ever alert editor cum scribbler cum two fingered typist committed all the doings of the meeting to memory. Hmmm! Anyway, one thing not forgotten was the vote of thanks accorded to Ken, Fi and Lynne for their efforts in the new W.O.G. production. Off the top of the head, the saving is something more than half the previous cost and doubtless Alan Lindsay will give us an accurate figure on this in due course.

Rare attenders who showed up to the meeting were Charlie Evans, Cec Cameron and Bob Lever, down from the mountains, who brought news from Stan Bowen. Stan is in a wheel-chair, and will be down to see us one day. Meanwhile, he is doing pretty well, and Bob Lever sees him regularly. The late Rex Rowell's grandson works at the hospital and also sees him. Len Waterworth, one-time Treasurer of the Association also showed up. Good to see you, Len.

CASH REGISTER

The Treasurer reports having received the following Life Subscriptions, Annual Subscriptions, and Donations during the period 1st September, 1981, to 26th May, 1982.

\$6: M. Perram, T. McNamara, P. Dalla, L. Carter, J. Cummings, J. Partridge, R. Small, W. Shearwin, D. Endine, W. Poplin, K. Watt, J. Sadler, A. Arnott, W. Allen, N. Allovine, D. Ellicott, V. Hallinan, A. Manning,

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Cash Register (Cont.)

\$8: C. Barwick, R. Cole.

\$10: L. Cutcliffe, W. Newth, L. Waterhouse, F. Wright, L. Clarke, R. Lane, M. Morgan, T. Bladen, B. Jackson, M. McAllon, L. Gibson, L. Jones, P. Lane, E. Graham, K. Richardson, R. Findlay, J. Whitelaw, J. Low, A. Schweitzer, P.R. Jackson, P. Cook, I. Pollock, D. Jackson, D. Bundy, R. Andrews, M. O'Regan, N. Rogers, D. Finch, S. Young, C. Pollock, G. Ings, H. Bowman, N. Auberson, W. Shaw, K. King, "Tich" Fordham, V. Hallinan, V. Pike, T. Bladen, L. Roach, J. Gardiner, C. Barrow, E. Jones, B. Barnes, G. Moore, T. Richardson.

\$12: J. Storey, R. Fenton, J. Cork, N. Everson, F. Bourke, C. Gillard, R. Boyd, G. Mitchell, W. Robbins.

\$14: M. Siems.

\$15: C. McCosker, Vera Walsh, H. Ellway, L. Hammond, A. Gorman, L. Bloomfield, G. Robbins, J. Eastman, W. Kosham.

\$18: G. Hart.

\$20: W. Eslick, J. Brown, R. Lane, J. Hawkins, F. Bowdige, E. McGregor, K. Peacock, L. Anderson, J. Robertson, G. Crisp, L. Stronach, D. Grove, B. Bartlett.

\$25: W. Burton, L. McNamara, J. Falla.

\$30: R. Coutts.

\$50: E. Hughes, Pom Wallace, T. Bladen, R. Fergusson, N. McIntyre, N. Johnstone, G. Milne, J. Wilson, D. Milne, F. Ivey, Ellen Fryer, T. Watson, J. Maloney.

\$68: B. Kingwell.

Total donations to the Stan Blacksley fund to date \$632. (See updating elsewhere in this issue. Ed.)

COCK'S COLUMN

Received a letter, birthday card and greetings from Bob and Enid Jackson, Wagga Wagga. Bob also enclosed best wishes from Stan Blacksley. Thanks to Bob, Enid and Stan. I was sorry to read that Bob has been in hospital and has undergone surgery. Stan Blacksley visited him and Enid partly to enquire how Bob was faring.

Bob writes that Stan and Kath have, through the fund, acquired all their goods and chattels for their unit. Bob, when talking to Stan, showed quite some interest in taking up bowls. Bob also told me of the bad news of Roy Moores. Roy came down to Wagga Base Hospital in March with a critical heart condition. He picked up quite soon and went home a week later. Then he had another attack and was brought back within the next ten days. Settled once again and went back to Adelong in April. Then Stan visited Bob to let him know that Roy was back in hospital in Tumut and was not the best. Bob is still convalescing after some surgery but hopes to be able to see Roy next week.

(This news from Cock arrived a bit too late for last month's W.O.G. and is therefore somewhat dated. Meanwhile, nothing has been delivered to Cock's letterbox except bills and junk mail. Feed him some news, boys he thrives on it. Editor.)

WELFARE REPORT.

As at 25th June.

NX5186 Hill, P.P. Harry Gjedsted reports that Peter has been in a Castlecrag private hospital. Cec Chrystal saw him. Peter has had a stroke, but appears to be able to get about.

NX5162 Dawson, T. R.G.H. 5. Was due for another skin graft 1st June. Bill Parry saw him 22nd June, and it appears not to have taken.

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Welfare Report (Cont.)

NX5862 Moores, A.C. After a spell in Tumut Hospital, following a heart attack, is now back home in Adelong. Able to get about on two sticks.

NX40019 Lappin, James. R.G.H. 530. Op. on leg arteries. May have had a by-pass.

NX42194 Lawson, C. R.G.H. 330. Cardiac Arrest. Discharged.

NX33868 Wallace R.M. P.H. Hospital. Was there a few days, and was discharged 28th May.

NX170006 Willoughby, G. R.G.H.120. Has had pneumonia. Was discharged Mid-June.

NX2005 Graham, K.J. R.G.H.530. Hip to be replaced but delay caused by infection.

NX68025 Tanko, Kiera C.S. R.G.H.6. In for diabetic treatment. Was at one stage a Bn. Cook.

NX7601 Chamberlain, R.H. R.S.L. Hospital W.V.H. Narrabeen, Bill Parry reports that Dick is very much improved. Well and cheerful.

W.W.I.

424 Kearey. Bede. Botany Gardens Nursing Home, Botany St., Carlton. Fred Staggs says his mother is in the same nursing home. He sees her at least once a week, and will keep in touch with Bede. He requests anyone calling on Bede sees Mrs. Staggs also. Slim Powers will be in touch.

Day, Arthur Daniel. Of "C" Coy and 87 years old. Is at Rosemore Nursing Home, 18 Kingsgrove Rd., Belmore and would like to have the "4th Infanteer". I shall tell Cliff Horsley.

Nx5834 Gardener, L.N. at L.D.H. An amputee from Penrith.

NX47312 Brest, Neville. Also at L.D.H. Vic Gibbons who is the Welfare Officer of Hornsby R.S.L. has told me that he saw them both and that they are both doing well.

LAST POST:

Mahoney, Victor Anthony of Wentworthville died 28th May. The funeral was 7th June. Laurie Waterhouse worked very hard on this case and rendered the R.S.L. part of the service. He was accompanied by Dave Endean.

NX9556, Ackerman, G.L.H. Athol Heath rang me 23rd June to say that Glen's son rang him to say that Len (as we called him) had died 17th June and was buried 21st June. Details are not known. He was is R.G.H. in April last year, since then we have had no news. Our deep sympathy goes to his family at North Haven.

Cyril McCosker of Canberra, no details yet.

Roy Moores of Adelong (late news) no details yet.

Regards to all from John Copland, Bill Parry and all of us.

THE SIR IVAN DOUGHERTY BIOGRAPHY

Copies of Sir Ivan's Biography, written by Tim Fearnside are available from the Gallipoli Memorial Club, Loftus St., or from Cec Chrystal 24 The Battlement, Castlecrag N.S.W. 2068. The cost is \$14.50, posted, or collect from the Gallipoli Memorial Club for \$12.00.

BLAZER POCKETS

Blazer pockets are available from Hon. Sec. Laurie Waterhouse. Scarf's at Hurstville have the matching cloth to make up the blazer. Cost is approximately \$120, or less if you get in and beat inflation. Send \$8 to Laurie now.

DON'T FORGET TO BOOK FOR THE COUNTRY RE-UNION IN ORANGE. SEE ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE.

WAGGA REPORT ON THE STAN BLACKSLEY APPEAL.

Bob Jackson reports that the appeal for Stan and Kath Blacksley, (whose home was burnt out in February) has now been finalised with a grand total of \$2718.

The local committee in Humula did a great job and paid some \$1363 for furnishings and equipment for the unit which Stan and Kath are now occupying in a retirement village known as "the Haven" in Bourke St., Wagga.

Thus, they are surrounded by items in their new home which have been provided by their many friends in Humula and district. The balance was made available for use as Stan and Kath think fit.

Of the total (\$2718) over \$1000 was given by the Battalion Association and ex-Battalion mates of Stan's.

Money can't buy everything, but they've done their best and the best wishes of all 2/4thers go to these two good people who have done so much for others in past years.

THE SECRETARY'S MAILBAG.

Been a very quiet month for correspondence, don't know whether Aust. Post has had an influence on people, but I have had more phone calls than letters even from as far a Perth, where the "acting blank file private" has his headquarters now.

To get the column started, our first letter comes from George Parry of Pymble writing to let me know he had just returned from a six week tour of the Gulf, Darwin, Mt. Isa, Cairns and down the track from Darwin to the Adelaide River. Mentions that he had stopped at the Adelaide River War Cemetery, which he says is beautifully kept. He wrote that he noticed the grave of NX42586, Pte. W.J. Weeves, 23/7/42. Aged 24. Thinks he was in "B" Coy. Said he never recognised Darwin after 40 years. Thankyou George for taking the time and trouble to write, appreciate it very much. I am so glad that you had an enjoyable and nostalgic trip. Thanks for the subs, it keeps Alan happy.

From Dagwood Jackson comes word that Bill Cozier's wife Irene had a stroke in May and that Bill and family are much concerned. We here are very sorry to hear this news and hope that time will show it's healing action. Once again, thank you Bob, for keeping us informed. Best wishes to you and Enid. Will see you in Orange, all being well. Hope the trip to Victoria for the family re-union was good.

Stan Blacksley, now of Wagga, wrote to me a letter of appreciation for the Association's generosity and asked me to persuade young Peter Cade to find space in W.O.G. to say "thank you" to all the members for their wholehearted response to his recent misfortune. Stan and Kath are settled in their new home and are more than happy with the set up there. Rest assured Stan, you have the blessing of the committee and members for your future wellbeing and good health. We look forward to seeing you at the Orange Re-union. Best wishes and good luck.

Peter Denver of Goolwa, S.Aust has found time to drop a line to me to say thank you for me being instrumental in seeing that he was regimentally dressed for Anzac Day. I think he was referring to his recent acquisition of the Greek Medal. By the time you receive this you should have your battalion medal giving you plenty of time to mount it with your others for the Orange Re-union. Apparently he has been over to Orange checking and says all systems "Go". Found time to go down to Kurrajong hospital to see Stan Bowen. Wrong hospital so decided to track down Bob Lever's phone number but no one home. Reckons he searched "them there hills" in vain. Suggest a probing patrol next time, Peter.

He managed to see Pom Wallace at Prince Henry who said he was overjoyed to see him. Thanks, Peter, for a sterling effort, sure looking forward to seeing you at Orange.

One, Pat O'Keefe of Allansford near Warnambool, Vic. wrote in saying he had been in touch with Bill MacLennan whom he asked for Ken McNeill's address. Apparently Bill had it and then in that gentle persuasive manner said, what about sending in \$6 and you can have W.O.G. in which all manner of interesting names appear from time to time. That's just what Pat has done and now he will be able to follow the antics of most of us. Pat was in Don Coy. and knew Pom Wallace and Frank Frizell, also Joe Wells at Wagga. To think, Pat; that I and the wife have been driving past your place this last 25 years on our way to Port Fairy, where my wife's people live. Next time Pat, I will call in and have a Fosters with you.

Last, but not least, was a letter from that personality in West. Aust. Ken "Dasher" Deacon. he sent an order in for me to get him a blazer to go with our pocket badge. This I have done for him at Scarfe' in Hurstville. Dasher must be getting ready to call a parade of his acting blank files. You should have your blazer in a week or two, or by the time you read this in your W.O.G. Best wishes to you and Lily, your good wife and adjutant.

Thankyou to all members who have phoned in thanking me for the delivery of medals. Don't forget! You now only have six months to apply for the 2/4th Bn. Medal.

Laurie Waterhouse,
Hon. Sec.

THE WORKINGS OF "WHITE OVER GREEN".

The Editor would appreciate receiving contributions for publication no later than the meeting night of the month preceeding the month of issue. The mechanics of the production of our paper these days are that the editor receives the copy, does a two fingered thump of the typewriter for about five to seven nights, and posts the result to Ken Kesteven. Ken's team (Fi and daughter Lynne) sort the mess out, set it up and print it, and get the finished copies off to Bill MacLennan. Bill's team (Gwen and Enid Lattimer) addressograph the wrappers, fold, wrap and post the W.O.G.'s to the people. Sounds simple, but it takes time. So, the earlier it gets to the editor, the sooner it gets to the other toilers, and eases the pressure on all to get W.O.G. out on time. Thanks, chaps.

So, boys, contributions by the meeting night, please.
Editor.

THE ORANGE COUNTRY RE-UNION.

THIS IS THE WEEK-END BEFORE THE LONG WEEK-END. THE DATES ARE FROM FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH TO MONDAY 27TH (or days in between).

PETER AND PAT ARE WAITING FOR YOUR BOOKING. CONTACT THEM AT 15 ADMIRAL TERRACE, GOOLWA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 5214.

Please advise of details of number of persons, accommodation required, arrival and departure times and any other details required for your comfort on this week-end.

\$10 per person will secure your booking. Write now.

At the time of writing, Peter rang to inform that for people who have booked in for the Re-Union and have received no receipt, there is no worry. All are booked in, most at the Civic Gardens in Lords Place. Bookings will be acknowledged in the next issue of W.O.G. when Peter's letter arrives.

SITREPS

Subs received from Dave (Chub) Crosthwaite. Late again, but blames his secretary.

Another bloke who apologises for his bad secretary was John Hine, but better late than never, particularly as he also sent a nice contribution to the Stan Blacksley fund. Thanks, John.

Yvonne Pearse writes to say that she appreciates getting W.O.G. and keeping up with all the doings and is looking forward to the Orange Re-union. Yvonne sends a donation to keep up the good work of the Association, and best wishes to all.

Seems that George (King) Coles has been missing out on his W.O.G. deliveries. Sorry, George. By the time you read this you should have the back issues. Glad you will be coming to the Orange Re-union. Presumably Steve will be at the Re-union also, and the next sitrep will interest him and other supporters of the 2/4th.

From Michelle Jordan, who is the daughter of the late Johnny Jordan, a Vice-President, Committeeman and long-serving supporter of the association until his death in 1974, comes a letter expressing interest in the proposed associate membership. Michelle and her mother, Doris, in company with Johnny, have attended Ladies' Nights in the past, and both are still supporters of the association. Watch W.O.G. for any developments, Michelle.

A letter written by Dick Morris, dictated by Bully Hayes of George Wn, says: "I want to thank Dick Morris for his visits to me, also Johnny Hawkins and his friends. My sixty-ninth birthday was celebrated at my home on 30th May. Heather Mitchell made a beautiful cake with the message "Happy Birthday Bill". George B. Mitchell, the widows, Mona and Doreen, Mona's daughter and husband Bill, my sisters Mabel and Bet, along with husbands Sid and Harry, as well as my brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Win were with me on the day. Of course, my mainstay Alf Carpenter was present as always. Unfortunately Marj. was not well enough to attend. We all had a colossal day and it bucked me up no end, I felt ten feet tall to have such marvellous people around me. The longer in the tooth we get, the more we appreciate family and long-time friends. I am proud to have evidence of my participation in another activity which our Alf has encouraged me in. I have been the proud recipient of seven awards for swimming (eat your heart out, MacLennan; and don't try to say I had one foot on the bottom - I only wish I could do so.)"

"From Bill Hayes".

(Regarding the last part of Bully's letter, for those who didn't know he is a double amputee,) Dick Morris further adds that he has stayed with Bully on several occasions and that each has been a grand reminiscence and that Bully would like it known that any W.O.G.'s and/or family would always be welcome and a phone call (049-68-3583) or letter from any of the old gang, particularly "A" Coy, would be much appreciated. 51 Sparke St., Georgetown N.S.W. 2298 is his address.

THE GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN

In the near future, association members will have the chance to hear an informative talk on this campaign of frustration and of squandered life and opportunity.

The Place : 4Bn R.N.S.W.R. Depot at Burrows Rd, Arncliffe.

The date and time: Friday 13th August at 7p.m.

It is understood that the night will be in the format of a C.O.'s night, similar to the night when Sir Ivan gave an address on the Greek Campaign several years back.

All 2/4 Bn Welcome.

The speaker will be Lt. Col. Bryce Frazer, Commanding Officer, 4Bn., 4R.N.S.W.R.

Lt.Col. Frazer is a long-time student of the Gallipoli Campaign. He has recently visited the peninsula in this interest, and his talk will be informative to say the least. Your editor, for one, will be in the front row.